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SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WITH EUROPEAN UNION
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to change the existing arrangement for scientific research with European Union as reported in the Hindustan (Hindi) dated February 6, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which India is likely to be benefited as a result thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (c): No change is proposed in the existing arrangement of India with European Union for scientific research. India-EU Science and Technology Agreement continues as the arrangement for joint dialogue. Once the "Joint Call for Proposals" for soliciting India-EU joint research and technology development project proposals to be sponsored on cost sharing basis fructify, the issues of likely benefits would arise.